No. 8700082

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Asgrow Seed Company

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF eighteen YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'A4906'

In Testimony Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the* Plant Variety Protection Office *to be affixed at the City of* Washington, D. C. *this* 31st *day of* July *in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* eighty-seven.

Attest:

Kenneth A. Evans
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Richard E. Lyng
Secretary of Agriculture

Asgrow Seed Company
PVP Application
Soybean A4906
February, 1987

APPROVAL EXPIRES 2-28-88

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

FORM APPROVED: OMB NO. 0581-0055

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	3. VARIETY NAME
Asgrow Seed Company	XP4906	A4906

4. ADDRESS *(Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code)*	5. PHONE *(Include area code)*	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER
9620-190-25 Gull Road Bldg. 190 Kalamazoo, MI 49001	616-385-6605	8700082

6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME	7. FAMILY NAME *(Botanical)*	FILING DATE / TIME
Glycine max	Leguminosae	March 13, 1987 10:00 ☑ A.M. ☐ P.M.

8. KIND NAME	9. DATE OF DETERMINATION	FEES RECEIVED
Soybean	September, 1982	AMOUNT FOR FILING $1800.00 DATE February 24, 1987 AMOUNT FOR CERTIFICATE $200.00 DATE July 2, 1987

10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION *(Corporation, partnership, association, etc.)*

Corporation

11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION	12. DATE OF INCORPORATION
Delaware	

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS

John A. Batcha
9620-190-25
Asgrow Seed Company
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

PHONE *(Include area code)*: (616)385-6605

14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED

a. ☒ Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety *(See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)*
b. ☒ Exhibit B, Novelty Statement.
c. ☒ Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety *(Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.)*
d. ☒ Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety.
e. ☒ Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.

15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? *(See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)* ☐ Yes *(If "Yes," answer items 16 and 17 below)* ☒ No

16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?	17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?
☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Foundation ☐ Registered ☐ Certified

18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.?

☐ Yes *(If "Yes," give date)*
☒ No

19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES ?

☐ Yes *(If "Yes," give names of countries and dates)*
☒ No

20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable.

The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
John A. Batcha	Feby 20, 1987
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE

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EXHIBIT A

Origin and Breeding History of A4906

1979-1980 (winter)	Cross was made in the greenhouse at Ames, Iowa. PARENTS: A4997 * A3127
1980	F_1 generation grown at Queenstown, Md.
1980-81 (winter)	F_2 generation grown at Delray Beach, Fla.
1981	F_3 generation grown at Queenstown, Md. Three-hundred plants were selected and threshed individually.
1982	Progeny row GH80029-Q82-1806 was selected at Queenstown, Md., for its uniformity, standability and good agronomic appearance. This row was harvested in bulk and verified for uniform seed coat luster and hilum color. It was in September, 1982, that GH80029-Q83-1806 was determined to be a stable and unique line.
1983	GH80029-Q82-1806 was entered in the Preliminary P511 yield tests conducted at Queenstown and Linkwood, Md. It produced uniform stands and very high yield and standability.
1984	GH80029-Q82-1806 was entered in the Variety V501 yield tests which were grown at 9 locations in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas. It was selected for its indeterminate plant type, standability and high yield. GH80029-Q82-1806 was assigned the maturity designation X4906.
1985	X4906 was entered in the Variety V501 tests and the Strain W499 tests which were grown at 20 locations in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland, Virginia, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and North Carolina. It was selected for its indeterminate plant type, high yield and standability. X4906 was nominated for pilot production and assigned the maturity designation XP4906. Sixty pounds of Breeder seed were produced at Queenstown, Md. This Breeder seed was sent to Isabela, Puerto Rico for increase.
1986	XP4906 was entered in the Variety V501, Variety V450, Strain W499 and Strain S502 yield tests which were grown at 28 locations in Indiana, Maryland, Virginia, Arkansas, Kentucky and Mississippi. It was selected for its indeterminate plant type, high yield and standability. XP4906 was assigned the maturity designation A4906. One-hundred pounds of Breeder seed were produced at Queenstown, Md. Twelve-hundred units of Basic seed was produced at Matthews, Mo.

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EXHIBIT B

Novelty Statement Concerning A4906 Soybeans

To our knowledge the soybean varieties that most closely resemble A4906 are Delmar, A4997 and Pershing. Characteristics which differentiate A4906 include, but are not necessarily restricted to, the following:

1. Flower Color

A4906	=	Purple
Pershing	=	White
A4997	=	Purple
Delmar	=	White

2. Plant Type

A4906	=	Indeterminate
Pershing	=	Determinate
A4997	=	Determinate
Delmar	=	Indeterminate

3. Hilum Color

A4906	=	Gray
Pershing	=	Buff
A4997	=	Gray
Delmar	=	Yellow

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LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (Glycine max L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME
Asgrow Seed Company	XP4906	A4906

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9620-190-25
Gull Road, Bldg. 190
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

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Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g., [0][9]). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:

[1]

1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ **2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)**

[1] 1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other *(Specify)* _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

[1] 1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ **4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)**

[1][4] Grams per 100 seeds

★ **5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)**

[4] 1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other *(Specify)* _____

★ **6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)**

[1] 1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ **7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:**

[2] 1 = Low 2 = High

★ **8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:**

[ ] 1 = Type A ($SP1^a$) 2 = Type B ($SP1^b$)

★ **9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:**

[3] 1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ **10. LEAFLET SHAPE:**

[3] 1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other *(Specify)* _____

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11. LEAFLET SIZE:

[2] 1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312') 2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17') 3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

12. LEAF COLOR:

[2] 1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York') 2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

★ **13. FLOWER COLOR:**

[2] 1 = White 2 = Purple 3 = White with purple throat

★ **14. POD COLOR:**

[2] 1 = Tan 2 = Brown 3 = Black

★ **15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:**

[1] 1 = Gray 2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

[2] 1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71') 2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton') 3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

★ **17. PLANT HABIT:**

[3] 1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton') 2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will') 3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ **18. MATURITY GROUP:**

[0][7] 1 = 000 2 = 00 3 = 0 4 = I 5 = II 6 = III 7 = IV 8 = V 9 = VI 10 = VII 11 = VIII 12 = IX 13 = X

★ **19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)**

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

★ [0] Bacterial Pustule *(Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis)*

★ [0] Bacterial Blight *(Pseudomonas glycinea)*

★ [0] Wildfire *(Pseudomonas tabaci)*

FUNGAL DISEASES:

★ [0] Brown Spot *(Septoria glycines)*

Frogeye Leaf Spot *(Cercospora sojina)*

★ [0] Race 1 [0] Race 2 [0] Race 3 [0] Race 4 [0] Race 5 [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

[0] Target Spot *(Corynespora cassiicola)*

[0] Downy Mildew *(Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica)*

[0] Powdery Mildew *(Microsphaera diffusa)*

★ [0] Brown Stem Rot *(Cephalosporium gregatum)*

[0] Stem Canker *(Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora)*

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19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

★ [0] Pod and Stem Blight *(Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae)*

[0] Purple Seed Stain *(Cercospora kikuchii)*

[0] Rhizoctonia Root Rot *(Rhizoctonia solani)*

Phytophthora Rot *(Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae)*

★ [2] Race 1 [2] Race 2 [1] Race 3 [1] Race 4 [1] Race 5 [0] Race 6 [1] Race 7

[1] Race 8 [1] Race 9 [2] Other *(Specify)* Races 13 and 17

VIRAL DISEASES:

[0] Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)

[0] Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)

★ [0] Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)

[0] Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)

★ [1] Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

Soybean Cyst Nematode *(Heterodera glycines)*

★ [1] Race 1 [0] Race 2 [1] Race 3 [1] Race 4 [ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

[0] Lance Nematode *(Hoplolaimus Colombus)*

★ [1] Southern Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne incognita)*

★ [0] Northern Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne Hapla)*

[1] Peanut Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne arenaria)*

[0] Reniform Nematode *(Rotylenchulus reniformis)*

[ ] OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM *(Specify):* _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

★ [0] Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil

[ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

[0] Mexican Bean Beetle *(Epilachna varivestis)*

[0] Potato Leaf Hopper *(Empoasca fabae)*

[ ] Other *(Specify)* _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	Delmar	Seed Coat Luster	A4997
Leaf Shape	A4997	Seed Size	A4997
Leaf Color	A4997	Seed Shape	A4997
Leaf Size	A4997	Seedling Pigmentation	A4997

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/ POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
A4906 Submitted	133	1.8	90	12	15	41.9	20.3	14	2.5
A4997 Name of Similar Variety	132	2.2	72	12	15	43.3	19.2	13	2.5

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

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3. Hymowitz, T. 1973. Electrophoretic analysis of SBTI-A_2 in the USDA soybean germplasm collection. Crop Sci., 13: 420-421.
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EXHIBIT D

Additional Description of Variety

A4906 is of similar maturity to A4997 and Essex.
A4906 is of indeterminate growth habit which results in it being nine inches taller than A4997.
A4906 is superior in lodging resistance to A4997 and Essex.
A4906 has purple flower color, gray pubescence color, brown pod wall color and seed with gray hila color, dull seed coat luster and high peroxidase activity.
A4906 has an excellent hypocotyl emergence score.

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EXHIBIT E

Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership

A4906 was originated and developed by John A. Schillinger and William K. Rhodes, Asgrow Plant Breeders. By agreement between employee and Asgrow Seed Company, all rights to any invention, discovery, or development made by an employee are assigned to the Company. No rights to such invention, discovery, or development are retained by the employee.